

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2008-73
April 30, 2008

SUBJECT: I. Designation of a Single State Agency to Administer the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act of 1974
II. Establishment of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by sections 422(6) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code §§ 1-204.22(6) and (11) (2006 Repl.), and in accordance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 88 Stat. 1109, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

PART I

The Justice Grants Administration (JGA) is the sole Agency in the District of Columbia responsible for supervising the preparation and administration of the state plan according to section 223(a) of the Act.

PART II

I. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established in the Government of the District of Columbia, a Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG), with requirements set forth in Section 223(a)(3) of the Act..

II. FUNCTIONS

The JJAG shall:

- a. Serve as the supervisory board for the JGA as required by Section 299(c) of the Act;
- b. Participate in the development and review of the District's juvenile justice plan;
- c. Develop by-laws to be approved by the Public Safety Program Manager within the Office of the City Administrator;

- d. Review and comment within 30 days, on all juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications submitted to the JGA;
- e. Make the final determinations on all juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grants applications submitted to the JGA;
- f. Advise the Mayor and JGA on problem which concern:
 - 1. the identification and analysis of special service needs of youth in the District of Columbia, and
 - 2. corrective measures within operating agencies and grant-funded programs to address those needs;
- g. Assist in the development of operating standards for all juvenile detention/correction facilities, group homes, and foster care homes and programs used in the juvenile justice system;
- h. Assist in monitoring all juvenile detention/correction facilities and community-based programs to ensure compliance with the Act;
- i. Review and comment on the progress and accomplishments of public and private sector juvenile justice and delinquency prevention program funded under the District's juvenile justice plan;
- j. Undertake studies for review or comment on special public or private juvenile research studies that impact upon District youth or juvenile services;
- k. Submit a proposed budget to the Public Safety Program Manager within the Office of the City Administrator by February 1st of each year;
- l. Undertake other duties as assigned; and
- m. Submit to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia, at least annually, recommendations regarding compliance with the core requirements and with progress related to Formula Grant programs and challenge activities pursuant to Parts D and E of the Act.

III. COMPOSITION

- a. The Mayor shall appoint not less than 15 and not more than 33 members to the JJAG, including a Chairperson. Members shall be private individuals, representatives of non-government organizations, or representatives of appropriate agencies of government who have training, experience, special knowledge, or a demonstrated interest in the preventions and treatment of

juvenile delinquency, the needs of neglected and dependent children, or the administration of juvenile justice.

1. The majority of the members, including the Chairperson and Vice-Chair, shall not be full-time employees of the Federal, or District government.
 2. At least one-fifth of the members shall be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment.
 3. At least three members shall have been or currently be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.
- b. The JJAG shall be composed of members, which include:
1. 1 locally elected official representing general purpose government;
 2. representatives from law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and probation workers;
 3. representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, social services, mental health, education, special education, recreation, and youth services;
 4. representatives of private non-profit organizations, including persons with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency preventions and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children;
 5. volunteers who work with at-risk youth;
 6. persons involved with alternative incarceration programs, including programs providing organized recreation activities;
 7. persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion; and
 8. persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect, and youth violence.

IV. TERMS

- a. Each of the members shall serve two-year terms, except that, of the initial non-governmental appointees, one-half shall serve two-year terms and one-half shall serve one-year terms. The Chairperson and all government members of the JJAG shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of the term for that vacancy.
- b. Members may not serve for more than three consecutive terms, regardless of the length of those terms. However, members shall continue to serve beyond the end of their terms until reappointed or replaced.

V. COMPENSATION

Members of the JJAG shall serve without compensation.

VI. ADMINISTRATION

The Grants Program Specialist in the JGA shall provide appropriate administrative support for the JJAG.

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The JJAG shall develop and publish procedures to guard against conflicts of interest for its members and include those procedures in the JJAG by-Laws. These procedures shall provide that no member of the JJAG may participate in any way in consideration of or decisions on grants to his/her own organization offering the same or similar services.

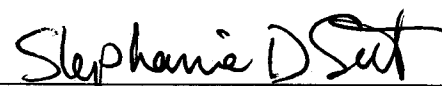
This prohibition extends to any member of the JJAG having a family member in an organization being considered for a grant.

VIII. RECISSION

This Order supersedes Mayor's Order 2000-149, dated October 3, 2000 in its entirety.

IX. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.


ADRIAN M. FENTY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION



MEMORANDUM

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Legal Counsel Division

Handwritten signature of Wayne C. Witkowski.

DATE: February 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Review of Draft Mayor's Order Designating The Office of Justice Grants
Administration Responsible For Supervising Certain Juvenile Justice Grant
Programs and Establishing A Juvenile Justice Advisory Group
(AM-07-837)

This memorandum responds to your December 5, 2007 request that this Office review the above-referenced Mayor's Order ("Order") for legal sufficiency.

The Order makes the Office of Justice Grants Administration ("JGA") responsible for supervising the preparation and administration of the District's juvenile justice plan in accordance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act of 1974, 88 Stat. 1109, codified in Chapter 72 of 42 U.S.C. (the "Act"), which makes available grants to assist states in planning and coordinating projects for the development of more effective programs in the area of juvenile delinquency and programs to improve the juvenile justice system. The Order also establishes a Juvenile Justice Advisory Group ("JJAG") to review and comment on, within 30 days, all juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications submitted to the JGA. The Order establishes the functions and composition of the JJAG in accordance with the terms of the Act. JJAG members will serve without compensation. According to the Order, the Juvenile Justice Specialist and/or Grants Manager in the JGA shall provide appropriate administrative support for the JJAG.

I have reviewed the Order and find it to be legally sufficient. I am attaching to this memorandum a revised Order that contains minor edits; please use this version as you proceed. In addition, please be sure to send the Order to Clifton Posey in the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances to ensure proper formatting.